DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION STATE OF GEORGIA

INTERDEPARTMENT CORRESPONDENCE

FILE:

STP00-0133-00(005), Dougherty County

OFFICE: Engineering Services

P.I. No.: 450490

SR 234/Gillionville Road Widening

DATE: March 20, 2009

FROM:

Ronald E. Wishon, Acting Project Review Engineer REW

TO:

James B. Buchan, P. E., State Urban Design Engineer

Attention: Albert Shelby, Project Manager

SUBJECT: IMPLEMENTATION OF VALUE ENGINEERING STUDY ALTERNATIVES

Recommendations for implementation of Value Engineering Study Alternatives are indicated in the table below. Incorporate the VE alternatives recommended for implementation to the extent reasonable in the design of the project.

ALT No.	Description	Savings PW & LCC	Implement	Comments
		ROADWA	Υ	
A-1	Modify typical section from 5-lanes Urban, Bike lanes, and 5-foot sidewalks to 3-lanes Rural section.	\$3,382,000	No	The ROW has already been purchased for the 5-lane section. Extensive redesign and public involvement would be required. The land use plan forecasts increasing commercial and residential development in the project area.
A-6	Reduce Pavement Design (3-Lane Section).	\$987,000	No	This is an alternate that would only be implemented if A-1 was implemented.
A-6.1	Reduce Pavement Design (5-Lane Section).	\$155,000	Yes	This should be done.

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Н-3	Maintain and extend existing pipe culvert.	\$406,000	No	The existing culvert has no foundation and is scoured badly. In July 2001, Wilbur Smith Associates recommended that the existing metal arch culvert be replaced with a similar 8'10" x 21' metal arch culvert.
A-3	Eliminate Bike Lanes from current typical.	\$404,000	No	Project is on Georgia Statewide Bicycle Route and also on the Southwest Georgia Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan.
F-2	Eliminate sidewalks.	\$590,000	No	Strong residential growth from the development of low density single family homes is expected. The land use plan forecasts increasing commercial and residential development in the project area.
F-2.1	Have sidewalk on only one side of the roadway.	\$295,000	No	Strong residential growth from the development of low density single family homes is expected. The land use plan forecast increasing commercial and residential development in the project area.

The Office of Engineering Services concurs with the Project Manager's responses.

Approved: Dell M N Date: 3/23/09

Gerald M. Ross, P. E., Chief Engineer

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Gillionville Road Widening from

DATE March 19, 2009

Eight Mile Road to Lockett Station

FROM

James B. Buchan, P.E., State Urban Design Engineer

TO

Ron Wishon, Acting State Review Engineer

SUBJECT

Value Engineering Study Report Responses – STIMULUS PROJECT

This office has received and reviewed the Value Engineering Study Final Report dated February 18, 2009 for the above referenced project. This project is slated for the July 2009 letting to be funded with Stimulus funds. The study has developed seven alternatives. The following are the alternatives with Urban Design's recommendations for each.

Alt. A.1 – Modify typical section from 5-lanes Urban, bike lanes and 5-ft sidewalks to 3-lanes Rural section.

POTENTIAL SAVINGS: \$3,382,000.00

RESPONSE:

Urban Design agrees that the volumes projected in this corridor could be accommodated with a 3-lane section with an acceptable level of service in most of the corridor except at the intersections of Springfield and Byron Plantation. The project was originally modeled in the DARTS MPO TIP as a 5-lane section and designed as such. Changing the plans to a 3-lane section would be counter to the desires of the local government, who have purchased the right-of-way for the 5-lane section. As such, it would be necessary to re-engage the locals in public involvement. Even if the locals were agreeable to this large modification to the design, the change would require extensive re-design. Since this project is identified as a stimulus package project to be let in July 2009, the re-design time and funding is not acceptable.

An alternate design of a rural section was proposed at the concept in 1997. This alternate was rejected because, according to the Dougherty County Comprehensive Plan, strong residential growth from the development of low density single-family detached residences (two to four units per acre) within the next 20 years is expected.

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This growth will be shaped by the expansion of wastewater treatment facilities westward to Eight Mile Road. The land use plan also forecasts increasing commercial development along Gillionville Road (SR 234).

IMPLEMENT: No

Alt. A.6 - Reduce Pavement Design - (3-lane Section)

POTENTIAL SAVINGS: \$987,000.00

RESPONSE:

This is an alternate that would only be implemented if the above Alternate A.1 was implemented. Since it is not recommended to implement the first, this alternate also is eliminated.

IMPLEMENT: No

Alt. A.6.1 - Reduce Pavement Design - (5-lane Section)

POTENTIAL SAVINGS: \$155,000.00

RESPONSE:

The modified pavement design below, which gives a 4.4% underdesign, is acceptable for Urban arterials.

1.5" of 12.5 mm superpave 2" of 19 mm superpave 2.5" of 25 mm superpave 8" of GAB

IMPLEMENT: Yes

Alt. H.3 - Maintain and Extend Existing Pipe Culvert

POTENTIAL SAVINGS: \$406,000.00

RESPONSE:

As stated in the approved 1997 Concept Report, the existing culvert has no foundation and is scoured badly. The consultant, Wilbur Smith Associates (WSA), was asked to assess whether the existing bridge culvert should be retained, extended or replaced by the Office of Urban Design in September 2000. WSA responded in July 2001 that "the existing metal arch culvert be replaced with a similar 8'10" x 21' metal arch

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culvert". They state that "hydraulic conditions are more favorable than extending the existing arch culvert, which would require a less than desirable 30 degree skew which would allow silt and refuse to build up in the culvert bends."

IMPLEMENT: No

Alt. A.3 - Eliminate Bike Lanes from Current typical

POTENTIAL SAVINGS: \$404,000.00

RESPONSE:

According to the Office of Planning's Lisa Safstrom, State Scenic Byways Coordinator:

A 1.3 mile segment of SR 234/Gillionville Road is on Georgia Statewide Bicycle Route #20 in Albany from Mud Creek Road to Tallahassee Road. Also, SR 234 is on the Southwest Georgia Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan for bikes lanes from Shady Glen Road to Clarenden Court. The portion of SR 234 that includes project P.I. No. 450490 is on the Albany-Dougherty County 2025 DARTS Transportation Plan for on-street bike facilities. GDOT policy states that we provide bike accommodations if the project is on an approved bike route or plan (local, county, regional, etc.- not just state bike plans), which this is. (see the attached email from Lisa Safstrom concerning bike accommodations policy).

Additionally, the adjacent project, P.I. No. 450495 - SR 234/GILLIONVILLE RD FM LOCKETT STATION RD TO BEATTIE RD, which was let in 2002 and completed in 2006, included the bike lanes. This project will keep that continuity of bike lanes in this corridor.

IMPLEMENT: No

Alt. F.2 - Eliminate sidewalks

POTENTIAL SAVINGS: \$590,000.00

POLICY:

Chapter 6.6 Sidewalks of the GDOT Design Policy Manual:

Sidewalks shall be provided wherever curb and gutter is utilized along the outside edges of pavement of the mainline roadway, i.e., urban sections.

RESPONSE:

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According to the Dougherty County Comprehensive Plan, strong residential growth from the development of low density single-family detached residences (two to four units per acre) within the next 20 years is expected. As such, pedestrian volumes along the corridor are also expected to increase. The Concept Report was revised in March 1999 to add sidewalks for just this reason.

IMPLEMENT: No

Alt. F.2.1 - Have sidewalk on only one side of the roadway

POTENTIAL SAVINGS: \$295,000.00

POLICY:

Chapter 6.6 Sidewalks of the GDOT Design Policy Manual:

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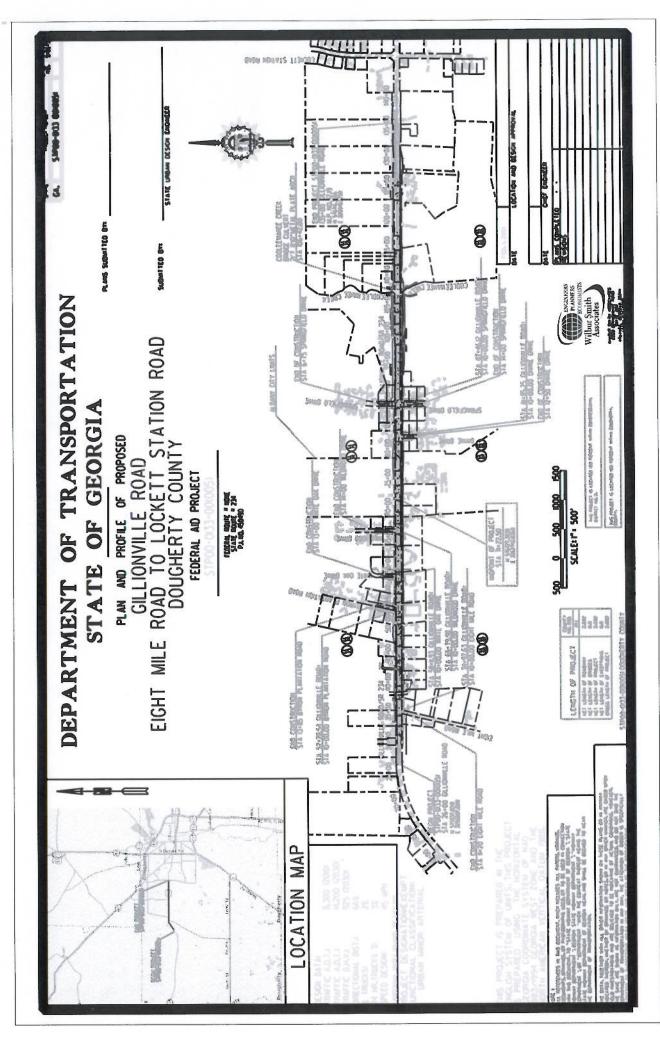
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IMPLEMENT: No

If there are any questions or concerns, please contact Albert Shelby at 404-631-1675.

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